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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for preparing an saponin-containing aqueous extract on the basis of a waste product from a buffer tree of the Sapotaceae family, said method comprising the following steps: (i) mixing one part waste product with 4-30 parts of water; (ii) incubating the mixture formed in step (i) under alkaline conditions; and (iii) recovering an aqueous extract containing saponins by removing solids from the alkaline mixture formed in step (ii). The invention also relates to saponin-containing aqueous extracts obtainable by said method and uses thereof.

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